The Spiritual Ledger

Instructions on Diary Writing in Sadhana

Based on the structural frameworks of Shri K.C. Narayana & the Sahaj Marg System.

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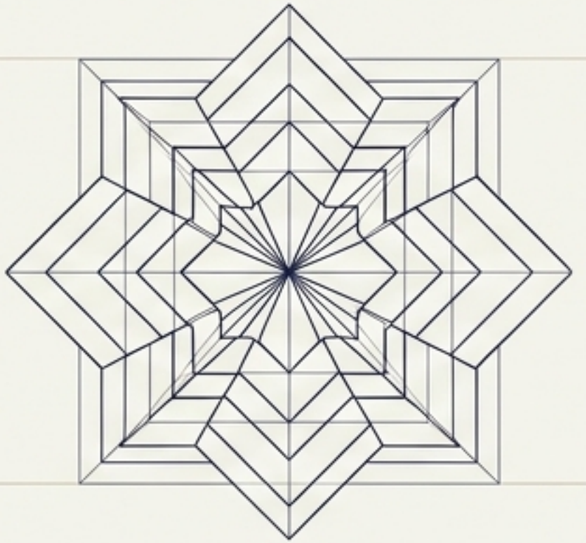
Overcoming Spiritual Amnesia

The Risk of Amnesia

Without a diary, abhyasis suffer from spiritual amnesia. Decades of sadhana can feel stagnant. Without a record, we ignore the subtle benefits accrued over time, leading to ungratefulness and a false sense of stagnation.



The Power of Documentation

The diary transforms subjective feelings into documented evidence. It reveals attitudinal shifts, tracks the transformation of consciousness over years, and provides empirical proof to ourselves that the system works.

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The Golden Rule of Observation

"Immediately after the meditation for five minutes observe your condition." — Rev. Babuji

The Trap:

Breaking the silence to discuss car registration, taxes, or logistics the moment the session ends.

The Consequence:

Depriving yourself of the chance to observe the delicate, newly formed inner condition before it evaporates.

The Discipline:

Remain silent and inward-focused. If meditating deeply, the forefront of the mind will be on the Master and the subtle condition, not daily tasks.

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Mapping the Condition

Physical Sensations

Light: A weightless, floating physical sensation connected to the yogic concept of ‘Anima’.

Heavy: A grounded, dense, and anchored physical state known as ‘Garima’.

Floating: The physical perception of moving upward toward higher levels.

Subtle & Psychic States

Subtle: Feeling the inner flow or transmission; a state of deep, resonant calmness.

Centered: Continuous focus on the Divine Light in the heart (Crucial distinction: Divine-centered, not self-centered).

Disturbed: Attention pulled outward; failure to establish or hold the original thought.

Gross: Burdened by heavy, worldly thoughts entirely unconnected to the practice.

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Posture and the Illusion of Numbness

Posture & Asana: Indriya-nigraha. Controlling the body automatically controls the mind. Changing posture frequently breaks concentration.

Numbness: Often confused for extraordinary absorption. It is usually just the stoppage of blood circulation from a physical posture, not the yogic withdrawal of consciousness.

Expansion vs. Contraction: Sahaj Marg relies on the outward expansion of consciousness, not the physical contraction or stiffening of limbs.

Loss of Body Consciousness: Total physical unawareness during a sitting is true deep absorption, a state where the physical boundary of the form naturally fades.

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Diagnosing the Void: Sleep vs. Absorption

Sleep	Deep Absorption
The Posture	
Head drooping, physical slumping, occasional snoring (like Kumbha Karna).	Posture remains steady; the head stays fixed even in a naturally bent orientation.
The Aftermath	
Waking up feeling slack, sluggish, or physically heavy.	Emerging feeling notably light, refined, and refreshed.
Internal Awareness	
Unaware of the state until waking up. Only recognized in retrospect.	Conscious within the condition. The subtle awareness of being absorbed remains active during the experience.

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Distinguishing Disturbance

Are you feeling disturbed?

Environmental (Physical)

Symptoms: Music playing outside, children shouting, mosquitoes.

Action: Do not overthink it. Fix the physical environment (use a mosquito coil, close a window) so the body is comfortable.

Psychical (Internal)

Symptoms: The environment is quiet, but the mind is turbulent.

Action: This is true psychic disturbance. Proceed to analyze the anatomy of the thoughts.

Sidebar Note: All life activity faces disturbance. When the telephone rings, you answer it and resume work. When meditation is disturbed, simply start again. Do not abandon the sitting.

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The Anatomy of Thoughts

Nature: Random

Disconnected: Fleeting thoughts of an old bill, a random ticket, or a forgotten task.

Diagnosis: Cleaning (Ignore). Past samskara is being washed out as 'bhog'. Dirt is leaving the system; be glad it is going. Do not record as a failure.

Nature: Sequential

Circling: A continuous loop of worry regarding health, taxes, or family. The mind acts like a whirlpool unable to escape the subject.

Diagnosis: Vritti (Document). Persistence of a deep samskara or psychological stress. Note this in the diary as an active psychical block.

Nature: Focused on Master

Goal: Continuous thought regarding the Mission, the Master, or spiritual welfare.

Diagnosis: Success. Even if the thoughts feel busy, if the object is the Goal, the meditation is highly successful.

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The Evolution of Attachment

Context: Most thoughts involve family, work, or social circles. Analyzing how we think about them reveals our spiritual condition.

Undue Attachment

- **Indicators:** Obsessive worry, anxiety over outcomes, feeling personal ownership over people ("my" wife, "my" children).
- **Result:** Creates deep psychic turbulence (Vritti) that blocks advancement.

Due Attachment

- **Indicators:** Viewing family and work as a sacred trusteeship. Fulfilling duties with absolute responsibility but without internal clinging.
- **Result:** Action without binding samskara. A sign of profound spiritual maturity.

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Circles of Consciousness: Pinda to Brahmanda

Inner Circle (Pinda Desh)

The boundary of the physical frame. Thoughts revolve strictly around the self, the physical body, and immediate personal ownership.

Expanding Circles

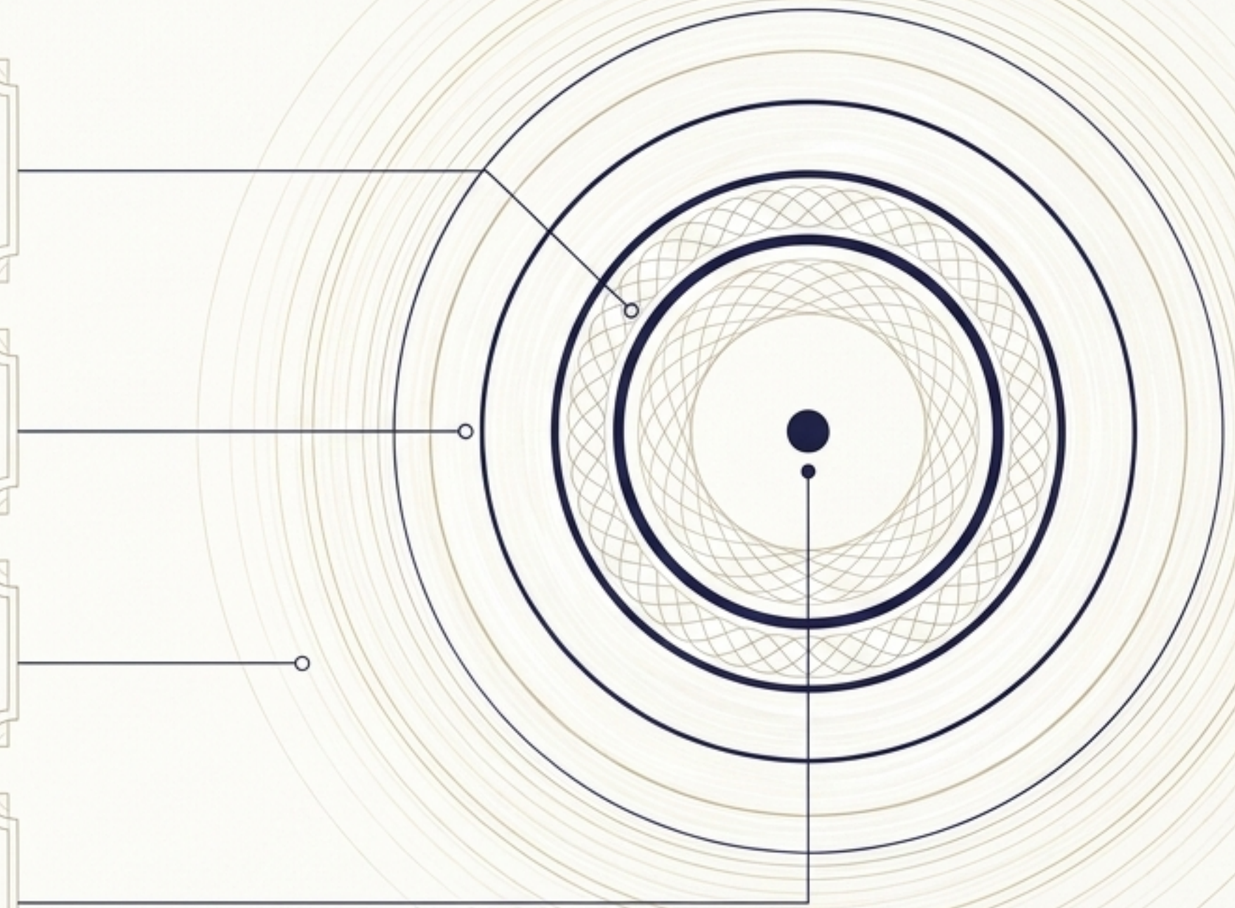
Growing past the body limit to encompass family, society, and humanity.

Outer Expanse (Brahmanda / Virat Desh)

The realization of *Tat Tvam Asi* (Thou Art That). Vibrating to a problem anywhere in the universe.

The Ultimate Center

The Master is the true center of all concentric circles. When established in the heart, the individual creates an infinite link to the universe.



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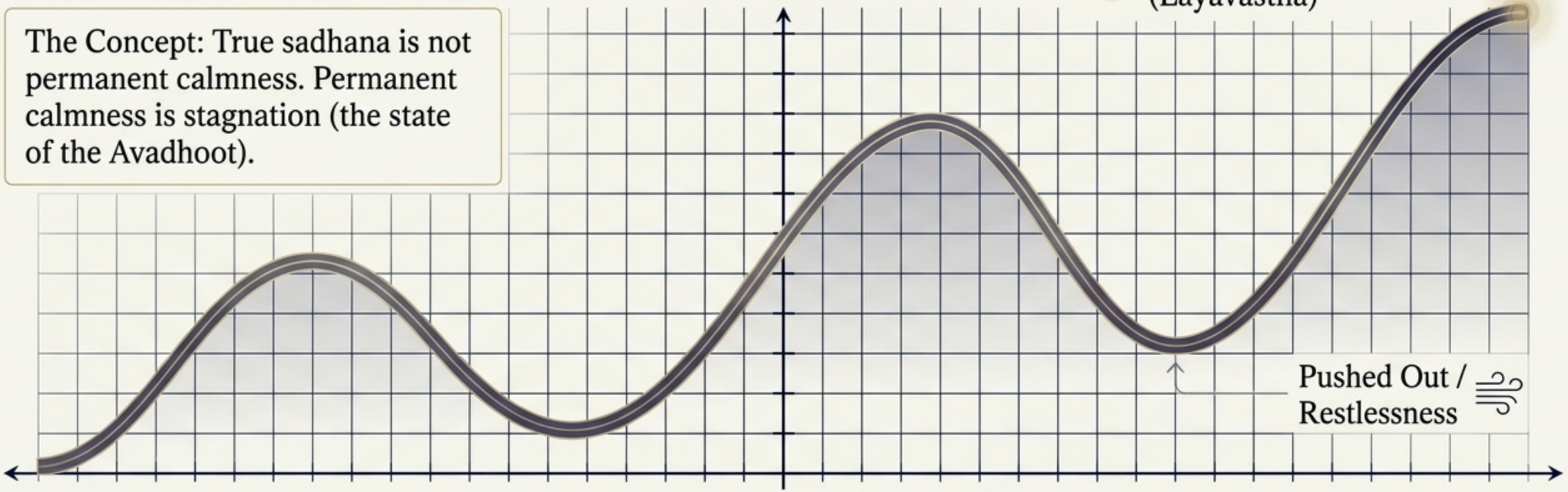
The Fluctuation Synthesis

The Concept: True sadhana is not permanent calmness. Permanent calmness is stagnation (the state of the Avadhoot).



1. **Approach**: You approach a spiritual knot and reflect its nature (Samipyatha/Sarupyatha).

2. **Merge**: You merge with the condition, feeling absolute peace (Sayujyatha/Layavastha).

3. **Push Out**: The system forces you out to prevent stagnation, causing a feeling of loss.

The Revelation: Losing an absorbing condition feels like restlessness or depression. Therefore, fluctuation and recurrent phases of disturbance are positive signals that you are continuously moving on the path.

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The Shift in Relationship

Level 1: The Begging Bowl (Solace)

Conscious of oneself, conscious of the Master, conscious of the desire to receive. The Master is viewed as a means to personal progress and comfort.

Level 2: Seeking the Presence (Proximity)

Moving toward the Master simply to be near Him. The primary concern shifts from personal gain to proximity, though a separate "self" remains.

Level 3: The Instrument (Surrender)

A total shift in consciousness. No awareness of the beggar, no awareness of the bowl. Moving from a concern for oneself to total alignment with the objectives of the Master. "I am in His hands."

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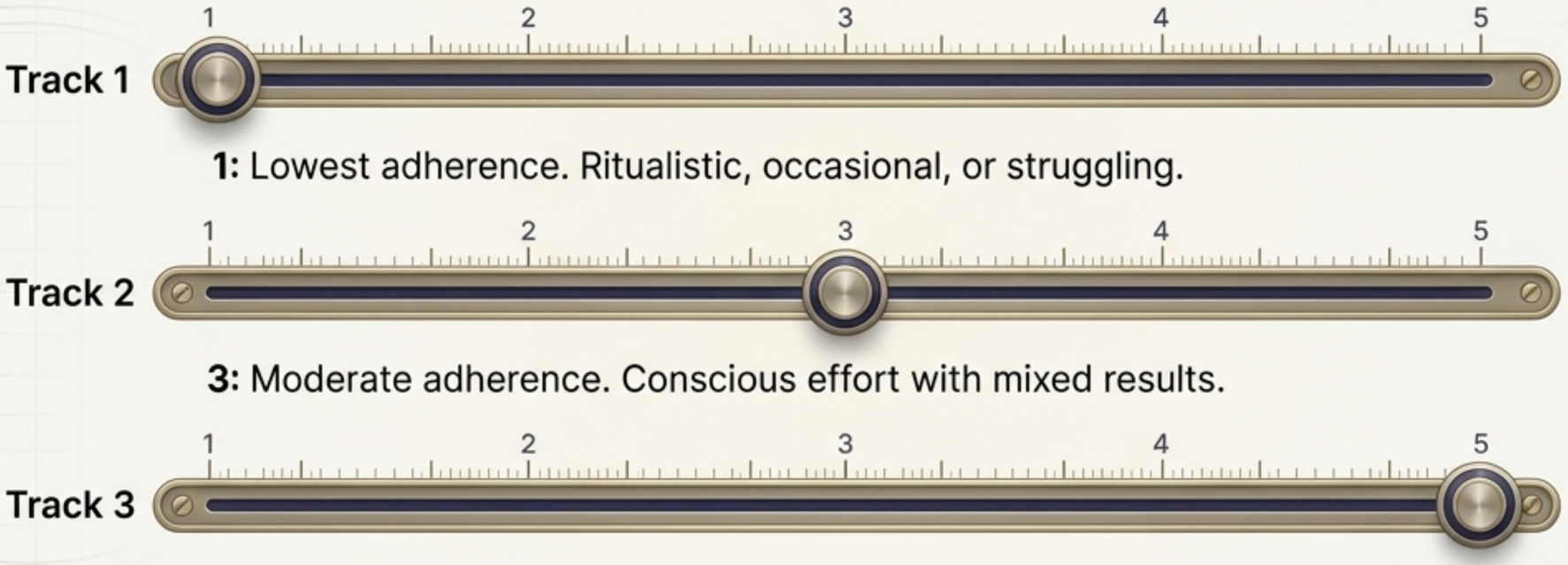
The 5-Point Evaluation Scale

The Framework: Evaluating alignment with the Ten Maxims is not about ritualistic ticking of boxes, but gauging the embodiment of the spirit of the rule.



1: Lowest adherence. Ritualistic, occasional, or struggling.

3: Moderate adherence. Conscious effort with mixed results.

5: Complete embodiment. The spirit of the maxim flows naturally in daily life.

Example: Evaluating Maxim 10 (Accepting miseries as divine blessings and being thankful).
Accepting misery is hard; being thankful for it is "asking for the moon."
Scoring a 5 here requires profound spiritual maturity.

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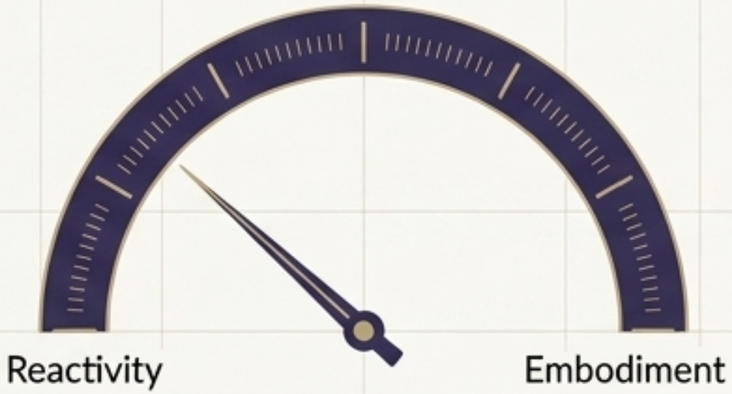
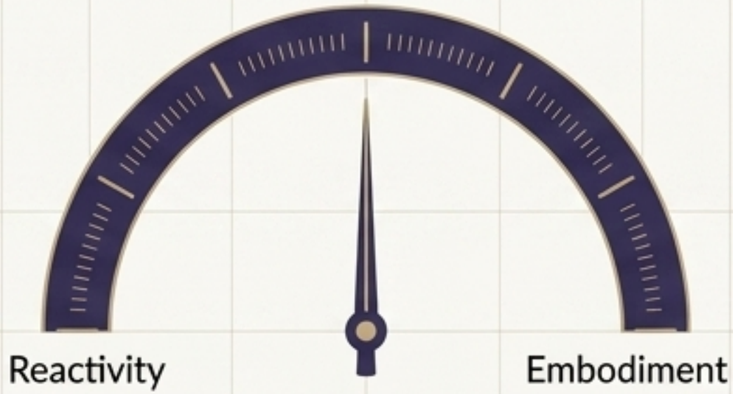
The Percolation of Sadhana

The Goal: Meditation is not just for one hour on a cushion. The inner condition must percolate into the friction of daily life.



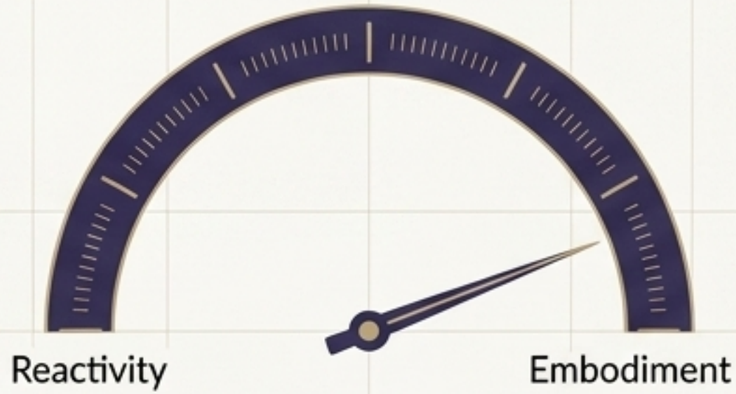
Tolerance

How do you react when your spouse puts too many chillies in the sambar? Track the shift from explosive anger to quiet acceptance.



Simplicity

Track the gradual loss of aggressiveness and pervasive dissatisfaction with daily circumstances.



Responsibility

Track an evolving openness, discipline, and non-attached execution of mundane worldly duties.

The Metric: Over a period of three months or a year, the diary should reflect a tangible softening of character.

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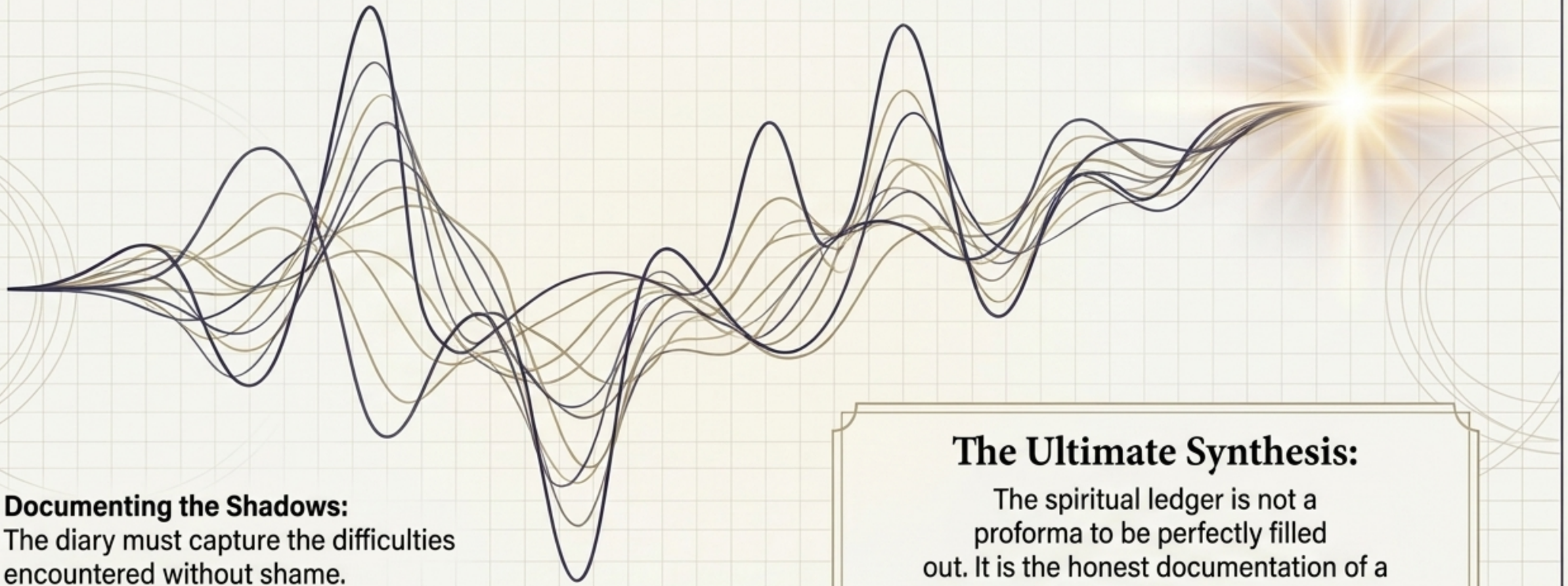
Cataloging the Journey to the Goal



Documenting the Shadows:
The diary must capture the difficulties encountered without shame.

- Lack of Will
- Lack of Confidence
- Resistance to Change / Emotivity

The Ultimate Synthesis:

The spiritual ledger is not a proforma to be perfectly filled out. It is the honest documentation of a serious aspirant's ecstasies and agonies. Over time, it becomes the definitive map of the soul's journey toward the Ultimate Goal.

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